

U.S. Foreign Assistance FY1946 to Present

The "U.S. Overseas Loans and Grants", informally known as the "Greenbook", is an annual report submitted to Congress required by the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. The report summarizes United States Government (USG) foreign assistance data from 1945 to the present on a country by country basis. It is the official record of the level and geographic distribution of U.S. foreign assistance.

Foreign assistance includes loans, contracts, and grants (although not debt forgiveness), and is categorized as either economic assistance or military assistance.

U.S. METHODOLOGY:

Data Collection:

The data reported in the Greenbook are reported to USAID's Economic Analysis and Data Services (EADS) team by all U.S. Government Agencies, Departments and Offices that undertake foreign assistance. Data collection begins in January for the previous fiscal and calendar year's data. Since 2012, per [OMB Bulletin b12-01](#), the Office of Management and Budget is responsible for the formal solicitation to agencies and offices that are involved in foreign assistance activities.

Processing Data Submissions:

Data is typically received in a standard Excel format. The data is processed, converted, and stored in a common format in USAID's Foreign Assistance Database (FADB). Agencies, Departments and Offices have their own conventions for the names of countries and channels of aid delivery. Those names are mapped to a standard within the FADB.

Data Accuracy Verification:

While processing the data received from the client, staff members check the numbers in the transactions datasets against spending for past years and the raw data received from the U.S. Government agency or office. Figures are checked to ensure there are no duplicates within submissions and that no records are missing required values. Figures are also checked against the federal budget and the Department of Treasury's *Monthly Treasury Statement*. Where alternative sources of obligation and disbursement amounts, such as the Foreign Assistance Dashboard, are available, an assessment of the alternate source is undertaken. Staff members also look across agencies, to ensure that there is no double-counting of funds that are transferred from one agency to another.

Once the data collection, submission, and verification processes are completed, these data are used to generate the Greenbook following the agreed methodology defined in the [Reporting Concepts](#).